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Title: TRICYCLIC FUSED HETEROCYCLE COMPOUNDS, PROCESS
FOR PREPARING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF

The prior application is assigned of record to Nippon Suisan Kaisha, Ltd.,
a Japan corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and
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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 145 |
| Claims | 12 |
| Abstract | 2 |
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| Drawing(s) | 4 |

Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449, 2 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Assignment cover sheet and an assignment, 6 pages,
- Preliminary amendment, 19 pages. Please enter prior to calculating fees.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application serial no. 10/291,429
filed on November 12, 2002, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent
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Application No. PCT/JP00/03592 filed on June 2, 2000, which is a PCT filing of Japanese Application No. 11/157181 filed on June 3, 1999, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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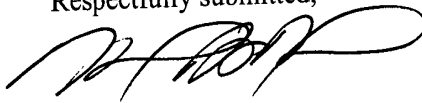
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